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VFA-204 "River Rattlers" are scheduled to perform air-to-ground show-of-force with pyrotechnics in their F/A-18 Hornets (USN Photo). (bottom right) New to this year's show is Viper Airshow's Jason Newburg flying his Extra 300S. (Photo courtesy of viperairshows.com).

BY MC1 (AW/SW) MICHELLE SMITH

Oodles of fun and entertainment are in store for those who join us for our annual Air Power Expo and Concert this April 24-25 on board NAS Fort Worth.

Both the Air Power Expo and Concert are free to all. Gates will open at 9 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

As always, there will be Fri-

day practice show beginning at 11 a.m. for military families, local schools, ROTC units and such. Concession stands carrying food,

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Sometimes the name of our base can be a little confusing. I've heard it attempted a number of ways – "Naval Air Station Carswell," "Fort Worth Joint Air Base," etc. – sometimes even within our fenceline! But what is a "JRB"? What's the difference between a "NAS" and a "NAS JRB"? Are we

## CAPTAIN'S LOG: What's In A Name?

BY CAPT. T.D. SMYERS

"Carswell"?

For starters, the often-used acronym "NAS JRB" tends to be somewhat confusing, as well as a mouthful of alphabet soup – that's why we've returned to the original convention "NAS Fort Worth JRB." While many don't know what a "NAS JRB" does, everyone knows what a "NAS" does.

Secondly, although our base's airfield proudly bears Maj. Horace Carswell's name in memoriam, this installation hasn't been "Carswell" for almost 17 years now! In fact, this October 1<sup>st</sup> will be the "sweet 16<sup>th</sup>" birthday of Naval Air Station Fort Worth, America's first Joint Reserve Base.

Fort Worth's model of inter-service cooperation includes warfighting and support units from the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army and Texas Air National Guard. Today, our total base population includes 4,370 Sail-

ors, 2,071 Airmen, 1,703 Marines, 913 Guardsmen, 492 Soldiers and 1,801 civilians. The Navy, as host, is responsible to provide common resources to support mission readiness, family readiness and personal readiness at each of our very diverse tenant organizations. Every meeting, I remind my staff that we measure our success by the warfighting readiness of our joint tenants – and I mean it.

If the name of the base still hangs you up, think of it like the name of your (notional) family doctor – "Dr. Dolores Smith, M.D." The "Dr." is her professional title, while the "M.D." suffix is a functional description – the kind of doctor she is. Similarly, "Naval Air Station" defines our structure, while "Joint Reserve Base" describes our mission.

## CO's Suggestion Box Lots of inputs from the CDC this month!

**Reconsider the decision not to open Action Zone this summer. Summer is about safe fun, and Action Zone is safe fun – much more so than daycare in the community.**

Thanks for giving kudos to our Child and Youth Program (CYP) staff for Action Zone. It's been a very popular program; in fact, my daughter participated in it last year. I got wind of the impending cancellation of the program this summer and got my staff together to explore options. I'm proud to report that – following some great coordination between MWR, Public Works and our Fire Department – Action Zone is ON for this summer! Registration is open 'till 16 April for active duty and reserve personnel, then 'till 19 April for all eligible patrons working onboard NAS Fort Worth JRB. Sign-up at the CDC, Building 3320 from 0900 to 1100. Action Zone will start 07 June and end 20 August. For more info call 817-782-7520.

**Can a "no hat zone" be established at the CDC so that parents can safely transport multiple children to/from vehicles without being concerned with rendering salutes?**

We could, I guess; but it's really not necessary. If you're arms are full, or unavailable, when a salute would normally be rendered, then the service etiquette is to render the proper military courtesy with an appropriate verbal greeting only. Whatever you do, please, no juggling babies or kid-dy gear while you pop out a quick salute!

**The Child Development Center parking lot is too narrow. Cars are bumping into each other, and trucks have a hard time getting out.**

We've had multiple complaints about this one; and rightfully so. There has always been a plan to complete a parking lot along with the new CDC; but contracting requirements caused



these two projects to get split. While the new CDC is already up and running (and very nice), the parking lot completion will follow some time this fiscal year. We apologize for the delay; but hope you'll be patient while we complete one of the best upgrades to NAS Fort Worth JRB in quite some time!



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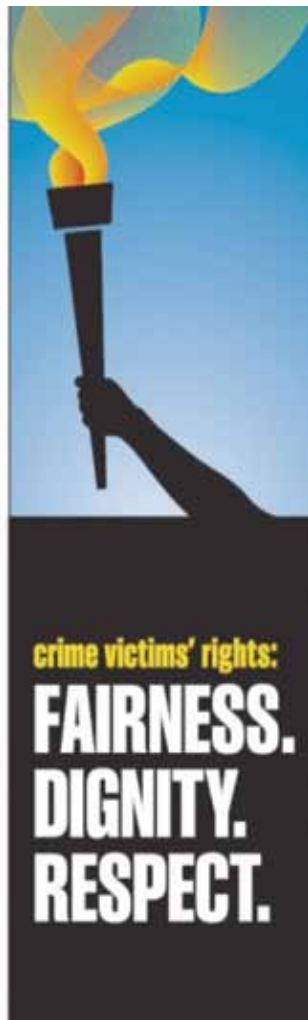




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BY LAURA DERMARDEROSIAN SMITH, 301ST PUBLIC AFFAIRS

National Crime Victims' Rights Week | April 18-24, 2010



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The Navy, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and Marines are joining forces throughout the week to bring awareness to treating victims of crime with fairness, dignity and respect. On Apr. 21 at 11:00 a.m., there will be a Candlelit Service at the base chapel where individuals will have the opportunity to light a candle or have a prayer said in memory of a victim.

In addition, there will be a 5K Fun Run/Walk Apr. 20 at 8:30 a.m. beginning at the Fitness Center. Members from community organizations will be available to hand out literature and answer questions about victim's rights and supporting victims of crime. The event organizers will also be handing out promotional items.

Come show your support

and help promote awareness for Victim's Rights. Before 1984, victims of crime received little public support. The President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, formed by President Ronald W. Reagan in 1982, found widespread poor treatment of victims by a criminal justice system indifferent to their needs. Although most states had some form of victim compensation, most programs were poorly funded despite the few victim assistance programs available in some states and the federal effort to fund victim/witness programs throughout the nation. Most communities relied on a few grassroots organizations — funded by sporadic private donations and bake sales — to help victims of crime.

Please come out to celebrate the NAS Fort Worth JRB's Victims' Rights Week. For more information, contact Navy LNC Jordan at 817.781.7991, Connie Dye at 817.782.5287 or Evelyn Mickles at 817.782.7620.



The Navy's policies on drug abuse including controlled substance analogues better known as designer drugs is simple and clear-zero tolerance.



## Using Illegal Controlled Substances Will Risk Your Career

BY BILL DOUGHERTY, DEPUTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, NAVY REGION SOUTHEAST

In response to a growing number of designer drugs available, Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, signed an instruction banning service members in the southeast region area of operations from possessing certain de-

ger, are harmful to good order and discipline, and may threaten the health and life of the abuser.

Due to the health and safety concerns surrounding the abuse of substances and consistent with instructions signed by the Secretary of the Navy, the purchase, possession, introduction, distribution, or use of such substances, or any analogues or variants, is prohibited and punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

### ***These substances place shipmates in danger***

signer drugs which are contrary to Navy standards and policy.

Navy Region Southeast's new instruction, CNRSEINST 5820.1, is in accord with an U.S. Armed Forces-wide trend. During 2009, major commands from all of the armed forces have been taking steps to reduce the abuse of designer drugs such as Spice, Salvia Divinorum, and tryptamines.

The use of designer drugs to induce excitement or stupefaction of the central nervous system is incompatible with the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment. These substances place shipmates in dan-

Navy Region Southeast installations have contacted local establishments asking them to take necessary precautions to ensure service members can frequent their place of business without exposure to an environment where illegal controlled substances are readily available. Service members provide an income to local businesses through their patronage. However, if street-level drug dealing continues at a place of business, installation officials could ask the CNRSE Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board to place the establishment on a list making it off-limits to Navy personnel.



## Volunteer To Help A Veteran

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Fort Worth is initiating a program, "Veteran's Day Every Month" and is seeking active duty, Guard and Reserve military service members to volunteer a little time to honor former military members.

What's this all about? The program is designed to combine VITAS staff and a uniformed service member or two to make personal visits to military veterans who are now Hospice patients or nursing home or assisted living residents. During the visit, the former service member is given a certificate and flag lapel pin in appreciation for their prior service.

Last November on Veterans Day, several NAS Fort Worth military volunteered their time on the holiday to visit with several Hospice patients and nursing home residents, all former mili-

tary. Those they visited thought the military had forgotten them. The event was a huge success, so VITAS is now looking to initiate monthly visits with the help of military members volunteering a few hours.

Consider this as an opportunity to say "thanks" to those military who served before you. These visits occur once per month, so check your calendars and consider volunteering. Several military in uniform are needed.

To help you plan ahead, VITAS plans to conduct these special visits on the following dates:

- April 22
- May – tentative, either Friday, May 21 or Memorial Day, May 24
- June 24
- July 29
- August 26
- Sept 23

- Oct 21
- Nov 11 (Veteran's Day)
- Dec 16

The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and normally ends around 3 p.m. Lunch is provided. Military volunteers are not expected to participate every month, but are certainly welcome to do so if available. Volunteers meet at the VITAS Office downtown Fort Worth to team up with their staff. Feel free to recruit those you feel would be interested in participating too.

The point of contact for more information or to volunteer is Kathy Campbell, Manager of Volunteer Services at 817-870-7117.

If you are interested in participating in April, please let Kathy know as soon as you can consult your calendar.





# Local Seabee Awarded Purple Heart

BY MC1 (AW/SW) MICHELLE SMITH

Construction Mechanic 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SCW) David J. Brown was awarded the Purple Heart Medal by Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, 1<sup>st</sup> Naval Construction Division Commander on 13 March on board NAS Fort Worth.

Fellow members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 22 (NMCB 22), Installation Commanding Officer, Capt. T.D. Smyers and Command Master Chief Ellen Zubke as well as family members attended the ceremony held at the Base theater. Members of his family proudly looking on included: Joe Brown (father), Jeanne Heflin (mother), David Heflin (step-father), Jessica Heflin (half-sister), Rachel Brown (sister), Christopher Ureski (nephew) and Kellye Martin.

Brown's grandfather, Charles Brown, could not attend the ceremony, but was acknowledged because he was instrumental in his grandson's recovery. Although

Brown was born in Houston, he was raised in San Augustine, Texas.

"My grandfather was instrumental in my recovery because I stayed with him during my convalescent leave. He drove me to all of my continuing care appointments at DeBakey Medical Center in Houston," said Brown.

Brown joined NMCB 22 in 2008, where he was assigned duties as the active duty senior Construction Mechanic. Brown mobilized with NMCB22 and deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in September 2009.

On 23 November 2009, Forward Operating Base Wilson came under indirect fire attack by enemy forces. Five mortar rounds impacted at the base over a 15-minute period. The first round hit a storage container located near the center of camp.

Brown and three other shipmates immediately responded

to what sounded like a damaged generator. As they approached to investigate the noise, they observed two soldiers lying in the road. They contacted the Forward Operating Base Battle-aid-station to notify them of casualties. Within ten seconds of that action, another rocket impacted in the vicinity of Brown and his fellow shipmates, three of the four where wounded by that round's explosion. Brown received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on 23 November 2009. His award was signed by Vice Adm. William E. Gortney, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.

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Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, 1<sup>st</sup> Naval Construction Division Commander gives Construction Mechanic 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SCW) David J. Brown a congratulatory handshake after awarding Brown the Purple Heart Medal during an award ceremony on March 13 on board NAS Fort Worth JRB.



The Purple Heart is an American decoration, the oldest military decoration in the world in present use. The original Purple Heart award was instituted by General George Washington in 1782 to reward troops for "unusual gallantry," "extraordinary fidelity and essential service." The award was a purple cloth heart edged in silver braid, and was to be worn over the left

breast of the uniform. Today the Purple Heart is awarded to those killed or wounded "in any action against an enemy of the United States," the criteria for this award were amended to include those killed or wounded as a result of "an international terrorist attack," and "as part of a peacekeeping force." It is specifically a combat decoration.





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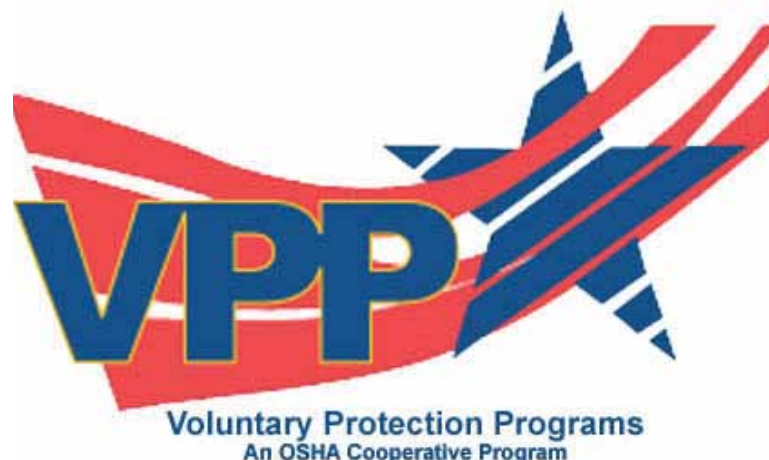


## Accept the Challenge Get Involved in VPP

NAS Fort Worth has been an active participant in the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) throughout 2009. VPP is an OSHA program that recognizes excellence in safety and health. Now, four months into 2010, the Command is advancing well into the VPP process, but, we have more to accomplish.

As part of our VPP "Challenge" plan, we are expected to establish goals each year. Below are the major goals established for this year along with an explanation for each.

Any questions or comments can be addressed to the Command Safety Office at ext. 7030.



## 2010 VPP Challenges

### (1) Prevention and Control of Workplace Hazards

Implement supervisor inspection program, includes training and execution (already accomplished). Safety Office will be conducting 4 hour training classes for supervisors on how to recognize, report, and abate hazards in the work place as well as conduct effective inspections. The objective here is to track to completion the training phase, add new supervisors as they are promoted and come aboard, and submit monthly inspection reports to the Safety Office.

### (2) Hazard Abatement Program

Support expanded deficiency abatement process in time and numbers of deficiencies abated. The Safety Office generates a monthly report for the CO that tracks and reports the length of time it takes to abate deficiencies. Categories are up to 3 months old, 3 to 6 months, and over 6 months. When the number of unabated deficiencies is rising, this trend is bad. With the VPP initiative, more and more deficiencies will be written. It will require a concerted effort by work centers to abate the deficiencies they find as well as those generated by the Safety Office. The DH tracking this will assist with monitoring progress or digression, and assist with addressing shortfalls.

### (3) Training

Train workforce on VPP, Chal-

lenge, supervisor basic hazard recognition training. This training is vital to the Command's population and supervisors. Will be accomplished via ESAMS, classroom training in the Safety Office, and with the "Passport" booklets.

### (4) Employee Reports of Unsafe / Unhealthful Working Conditions (Hazard Reporting)

Ensure employees are aware of their rights and responsibilities to report/address (already accomplished). CO, Safety, Chief's Mess, and other management members will accomplish this awareness by conducting tests as interaction takes place in the various work centers.

### (5) Fall Protection

Increase awareness with station personnel. Encourage active

observations with contractors, report unacceptable behavior (already accomplished). This will be accomplished via the 4 hour supervisor's hazard recognition training class.

### (6) Hearing Conservation and Noise Abatement

Improve Communications with PW FEAD to get safety planned into projects @ design stages. This will be accomplished by active/aggressive interaction with PW Construction Contracts personnel and maintenance personnel.

### (7) Hazardous Material Control and Management

Improve over '09 Inspection shortfalls of unauthorized HAZMAT and workplace specific training. This will be addressed by the increased frequency of inspections by supervisors and safety personnel. It is on the check list and will be confirmed by the CTC consultant and the lack of reported HAZMAT deficiencies.

### (8) Councils and Committees

Increase attendance over FY 09 by DH members, Union, and Tenants. Past participation has been fair, but could be significantly improved. Suggestions to improve participation include having the XO send out the invitations and physical telephone calls to remind members of the meeting the day before.

### (9) Energy Control Program (lockout/tagout)

Increase awareness in work centers where this is applicable. This will be accomplished by the new Safety VPP ISSOT and the 4 hour supervisor's hazard awareness training course.

### (10) Mishap Investigation, Re-

### porting, and Recordkeeping

Start involving some employees in this process. The soon to be distributed "VPP Passport (PQS Booklets)" includes as a project for employees to receive credit for participating in near miss incidents as well as mishaps.

### (11) Confined Space Safety

Launch Phase II of the signage program. Budgetary constraints have hampered Phase II to date, however, with increased funding in FY10, Phase II should ensue.

### (12) Safety and Occupational Health Awards Program

Award all allocated safety bucks for program support, outstanding participation. In FY 2009, all allocated safety bucks were distributed. Will continue this accomplishment in FY10.

### (13) Materials Handling

Account for every forklift in our UIC, ensure operators are licensed and qualified. This is primarily a Safety Office function. Deliberate attention can be accomplished by conducting scheduled audits on each work center known to have forklifts.

### (14) Recreation and Off Duty Safety Program

Expand program by training the Station ESO, using his talents to ramp up program initiatives. This is primarily a Safety Office function and should be accomplished in FY10.

### (15) PPE

Implement PPE emphasis into RODS program. This is primarily a Safety Office function and will be accomplished in FY10.



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# Lariviere to Take Over Command Of Largest Marine Corps Division

BY MAJ. PAUL GREENBERG, MARINE FORCES RESERVE

Brig. Gen. James M. Lariviere will assume command of the 4th Marine Division at a ceremony scheduled for April 10 at Fort Worth Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base.

Lariviere will replace Maj. Gen. James L. Williams, who will retire after 34 years of honorable service to the Corps.

Williams has served as the division commander since April 2007.

During the course of his career, Williams has commanded the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment and served as deputy commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Augmentation Command Element. He was also deputy director of operations for Combined Joint Task Force-180, conducting combat operations in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The new commanding general comes to the division head-

quarters in New Orleans from Washington D.C., where he has served as Director of Reserve Af-



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fairs Division, Headquarters Marine Corps since June 2008.

A 1979 graduate of The Citadel Military College of South Carolina, Lariviere has served in the following billets while on active duty: reconnaissance platoon commander with 2nd Marine Division in Beirut, Lebanon; barracks assistant operations officer and company commander at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C.; company commander for two overseas deployments on the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit; and small boat navigation and raid operations instructor at Landing Force Training Command in Little Creek, Va.

Lariviere's reserve experience with 4th Marine Division includes a tour as the 25th Marine Regiment assistant operations officer in Fort Devens, Mass. and commanding officer of 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company in Mobile, Ala. for deployments to Pan-

ama and Norway. He also served as the assistant chief of staff, G-5 plans officer for the 4th Marine Division's Washington D.C. Liaison Detachment in the Office of Legislative Affairs.

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Today's Marine Corps Reserve is an operational reserve. Marine reservists can be mobilized for up to a year in support of overseas contingency operations. All of the 4th Marine Division's units have been activated at least once since September 2001.

Each of the division's nine infantry battalions have deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Free-

dom and some division units and detachments have deployed to Afghanistan and the Horn of Af-



Maj. Gen. James L. Williams retires on April 10 after 34 years of honorable service to the Corps. Williams has served as the division commander since April 2007. (USMC Photo)

rica, as well.

Most reservists have full-time civilian jobs or are university students. Reservists attend week-

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Left to Right: Cpls. Felix Quinones, Destiny Torres and David Torres from the Marine Aircraft Group-41 Headquarters hold the attention of eager youngsters as they explain what it is like to serve in the military as part of a career day held March 12 at T.A. Sims Elementary School.



Angel Navedo (right) won a \$50 VISA gift card after earning first place in a Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 tournament held at the Tex-Plex, March 19. Desire Quamin (not pictured) won a \$25 VISA gift for superb Wii skills. The game day event was organized by NAS Fort Worth JRB heritage committee.

The old Child Development Center (CDC) is demolished to make room for further improvements to the base. The new CDC is located closer to the lake - next to the indoor training tank being built.



As the indoor training tank nears completion, construction of the parking lot begins. The parking lot will be used for the new fitness center as well as the indoor training tank - when all construction is completed.

Previously home to the base pool, this area undergoes construction as it is filled in and the foundation is taken up to allow for future growth in its place. The new indoor training tank is located near the lake by the Child Development Center.



Installation Commanding Officer Capt. T.D. Smyers and representatives of The Warrior Group and Child Development Center(CDC) cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony of the new CDC, March 25.



Maritime Expeditionary Security Detachment 541 Sailors of the Year gather together for a group photo. From left to right- Sailor of the Year, OS1 (EXW) Danny Maylen, Junior Sailor of the Year, MA3 Clint Weed and Bluejacket of the Year, MASN Melanie Schneberger. Petty Officer Maylen was also selected SOY at Maritime Expeditionary Squadron 5 and Maritime Expeditionary Security Group 1. Photo Courtesy of Maritime Expeditionary Security Detachment 541.



Congratulations Sailors and Marines of the Year from NAS Fort Worth JRB, Fleet Readiness Center West, Navy Operational Support Center Fort Worth, Branch Medical Clinic, Navy Intelligence Reserve Command, MAG 41, Tactical Support Wing, FISC Jacksonville – DET Fort Worth, 14th Marine Regiment, VR-59, and Commander Fleet Logistic Support Wing. The dinner was held, March 20 in recognition of the hard work put forth by these Sailors and Marines.



# Air Power Expo & Concert

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drink and souvenirs will be open all three show days.

This year's free concert, which is on Saturday afternoon only, features country music superstar James Otto and Texas favorite Lonestar. Otto will kick off the concert right around 4 p.m., just after the Air Power demonstrations wrap up for the day. No concert is planned on Sunday.

The Air Power Expo will kick off at approximately 11 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday with aerial performances and flight demonstrations by military and civilian aircraft alike. Show organizers

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have lined up an Air Force B-2 and B-52 flyover on Saturday, along with Navy F/A-18 Hornets executing an Air-to-Ground "Show of Force" complete with giant fireball explosions. Crowds can expect more fire-blazing pyrotechnics when the Air Force A-10 "Wart-hog" flight team comes screaming in demonstrating their firepower and tactics. Dallas native and airshow veteran Jan Collmer and his Extra 300L is a regular at all of our Air Power Expos, but new to this year's show is Viper Airshow's Jason Newburg flying his Extra 300S. Their rolling and looping aerobatics always brings out the cameras. Then we have the U.S. Special Operations Command Pa-

ra-Commandos from MacDill AFB performing first both days as they parachute in with the U.S. Flag.

There will be much more in store for our visitors because the flightline will be full of Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Army aircraft of all types, along with vintage military vehicles, displays booths with all sorts of free giveaways, and military Recruiting booths. Plus present-day military hardware will be on display such as an armored Hummer and multi-terrain vehicles. Pilots and aircrew will be close by the aircraft for those souvenir photographs and to answer questions. So don't forget the camera and get their autographs in the show program!

Food, drink and souvenir concession stands will be available at numerous locations throughout the installation, so bringing in outside food and drink will not be permitted. Show organizers recommend that folks bring their own portable chairs, all children necessity items, (i.e. diaper bags, milk bottles, strollers or wagons for transporting children), and sunscreen and hats. Portable rest facilities will be stationed throughout the area and medical stations will be available for assistance if needed.

Please keep in mind all pets are prohibited, except for guide dogs for the blind and disabled.

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Dallas native Jan Collmer has delighted crowds at various air shows for over 20 years and will be entertaining audiences with his aerial performances at this year's Air Power Expo April 24 and 25 (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Bradley Dawson).



U.S. Special Operations Command Para-Commandos from MacDill AFB will be performing at this year's Air Power Expo. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Special Operations Command).

## U.S. Census Bureau 2010 Census Campaign Warning

The U. S. Census Bureau is asking users to be vigilant during the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 Census campaign and to watch for potential census scams.

According to the U.S. Census 2010 website, they began delivery of the printed census forms to every resident in the United States on March 1, 2010. The only way to complete the census is by

filling in the form using pen and ink; in some instances, census takers will be visiting households to complete the form face-to-face. It is important to understand that the U.S. Census Bureau will not, under any circumstances, be providing an online option to complete the 2010 census form.

US-CERT encourages all residents in the United States to take

the following measures to protect themselves:



Review available information about the 2010 U.S. Census on the

website.

Familiarize yourself with what information the U.S. Census Bureau is collecting on the census form.

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## Local Marine Recounts Operation Iraqi Freedom Experiences

STORY AND PHOTO BY SGT. JASON D. LASETER

The closest many Americans come to the realities of war is through the images and stories they find on television and the internet. In January of this year, war took on a personal face for one local civic group when they invited Marine and combat infantry veteran, Sgt. Richard J. Brija to discuss his experiences during the initial invasion of Iraq in the Spring of 2003.

The North Texas chapter of the Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC) initially contacted Marine Aircraft Group 41 in November, 2009, about the possibility of starting a care package drive. The group collected items ranging from magazines and toys to beef jerky and comic books and assembled them into care packages destined for Marines serving in Afghanistan.

It was through her contacts with the adjutant and legal sections of MAG-41 that RJC event

ingly accepted. When preparing his presentation, Brija was challenged with relating his experiences and the military in general, with its array of bewildering acronyms and jargon, to a group of civilians.

"You've got to use movie terms," he said. "For me, that is the best way to explain things to non-military personnel." He illustrated his experiences with personal photographs taken during the campaign and maps tracing the route his battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, took.

Brija's goal for the presentation was to help the RJC members, "have a better understanding of what went on during [Operation Iraqi Freedom]," he said. "Hopefully...they can spread the word about what we did."

Rather than present an academic lecture of dates, troop movements and official reports, Brija's related his personal story to



Sgt. Richard J. Brija, legal section chief for Marine Aircraft Group 41, discusses his experiences as an infantryman during the invasion of Iraq in Spring, 2003. The North Texas chapter of the National Jewish Coalition invited Brija to present his personal experiences during their January meeting. (Photo by Sgt. Jason D. Laseter)

and fear, however, left the crowd in a more somber mood. "I appreciate him talking about fear," Prister said, "that he can acknowledge [fear] and still be a warrior."

as the desert heat, Marine training, and the weight of body armor, among other topics. "It was an attentive audience and judging by the questions asked, they were greatly interested," he said.

Following a standing ovation, RJC members praised Brija's presentation. "I thought it was outstanding," RJC member Ronald A. Dubner said. "You don't get to hear in depth what our military experiences...what troops like [Brija] experience." The presentation allowed Dubner the opportunity to "appreciate and understand what our troops faced in battle."

In describing her reaction to the presentation, Prister was moved to tears. Prister, although

born in Dallas grew up in Italy. "My parents and grandparents were liberated in World War II by the Americans," she said. "As Italian Jews...the army was a threat; to know that there's an army there to stand between you and evil is a great comfort."

"I'm a big supporter [of the military]," Prister said. "What can I say? I cannot thank you enough."

For Brija, the presentation was a positive experience as well. "It was good for me to dive into the past and relive those experiences," he said following the event. "If you don't tell about it, or put it down on paper, it goes away."

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coordinator, Emanuela Prister learned of Brija, MAG-41's legal chief, and his tour in Iraq, so she invited him to be the guest speaker at the group's January meeting. "Public speaking is always difficult," Brija said, but when he was offered the invitation he will-

the over 30 attendees. An anecdote about the comical demise of a prized music player at the outset of the invasion brought a chorus of chuckles from the audience. His discussion of the hardships endured by Marines in a combat zone to how to cope with danger

What initially was scheduled for a 30-minute presentation stretched to over an hour as the audience peppered Brija with questions. Attendees, only a handful of whom had personal connections to the military, questioned Brija about subjects such

## Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program

BY MC2 (AW) BRADLEY DAWSON

Congress appropriated \$300 million nationwide to support state rebate programs for residential ENERGY STAR appliance products (those that represent improvements in efficiency compared to the majority of products on the market).

The state of Texas received more than \$23 million in federal stimulus funds from the U.S. Department of Energy to establish and administer the program - the first of its kind in Texas.

Texas residents with a valid

Texas residential address qualify for a rebate if they follow all program rules. You must replace an older, functional appliance for a new ENERGY STAR or *Consortium for Energy Efficiency* (CEE) qualified model to receive a rebate check.

Each household can qualify for up to two appliance rebates per household, but each appliance must be from a different category (for instance, you can not qualify for two refrigerator rebates in the same household). In

addition, you can receive two recycling bonus rebates per household from the eligible appliance list.

Eligible appliances include refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, central air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, and hot water heaters.

Appliances must be purchased from a Texas retail location or contractor. Online purchases are not eligible. All payments will be mailed to the residential ad-

dress, with no exceptions. P.O. Boxes are not accepted without a street address.

The reservation period began April 5 - appliance rebates can be reserved either by phone or online; actual purchase period begins April 16.

The official state of Texas Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program web site is now part of Texas powerful smart energy portal. The web site address is <http://www.texaspowerfulsmart.org>.

The objective of the program

is to save energy by encouraging appliance replacement through consumer rebates.

For more information about energy star appliances and the rebate program contact the following web sites:

- [www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/arra/rebate/index](http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/arra/rebate/index)
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- [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)





## Local Reservist Takes Part in Navy Reserve's 95th Anniversary Reenlistment

BY MC1 (AW/SW) MICHELLE SMITH

Ninety-Five Navy Reservists from all 50 states celebrated the 95th Anniversary of the Navy Reserves when they reenlisted in a mass ceremony held at Russell Senate Office Building's Caucus Room on March 5 in Washington, D.C.

"I'm honored to be chosen to participate," said Intelligence Specialists 1st Class Jimmie E. Eichman, who reenlisted for six years.

His chief suggested that they both apply, "Unfortunately, only one of us was allowed to represent NOSC [Navy Operational Support Center] Fort Worth." While there were seven Navy Reserve members representing Texas, Eichman was the only one who represented NOSC Fort Worth.

Eichman and the other reenlistees got a chance to meet with Deputy, Chief Navy Reserves Rear Adm. Garland Wright and Force Master Chief Ronney Wright before the reenlistment ceremony.

Chief of Navy Reserve, Vice Adm. D.J. Debbink reenlisted

Eichman and his fellow Sailors. After the ceremony, participants attended a small reception and cake cutting.

The 44 year-old has been in the Navy Reserves for nine years. "I joined the Navy Reserves because I was starting a Masters of Information Systems program and I liked the opportunity of working as an Information Systems Technician with the Navy Reserves," said Eichman.

When he's not working as a test officer for an Army contractor, the Olney, Texas native drills at Commander Third Fleet Maritime Air Operations Detachment Fort Worth.

The Navy Appropriations Act of 1916, dated March 3, 1915, established a United States Navy Reserve.

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end drills, usually in the local area once a month. They also attend an extended annual training (between two and four weeks), in the spring or summer.

Sometimes these annual training sessions take place at a nearby military base. On other occasions reserve units participate in international exercises in countries such as Australia, Morocco and South Korea.

The purpose of these week-end drills and annual training sessions is to conduct Marine Corps combat skills instruction and to ensure proficiency in the reservists' military occupational specialties.

For more info about the April 10 change of command ceremony or Marine Forces Reserve in general, contact the MFR public affairs office at 504.678.6539 or visit their website at [www.mfr.usmc.mil](http://www.mfr.usmc.mil).



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**2 garlic cloves**  
**1 tsp. salt**  
**1/4 cup chopped onions**



In a large saucepan, boil 8 cups water. Add asparagus and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, until tender-crisp. Immediately remove from heat and place asparagus in ice water to stop the cooking process. Chop in bite size pieces; and place in food processor. Add remaining ingredients and process until smooth. Serve with crackers or crusty bread.

(Photo by Barbara Smyers)



## IRS FORM 8332

## New Rules About Releasing or Revoking a Claim of Exemption for a Minor Child

BY CMDR. KEVIN WHITMORE

The IRS has attempted to eliminate confusion with its new rules concerning Release/Revocation of Release of Claim for Exemption for Child by Custodial Parent. Divorced or separated parents sometimes quarreled over who can claim the child or children on their tax returns. This was especially true if the issue was not clearly spelled out in a divorce decree or separation agreement.

The new rule states simply that the custodial parent (defined as the parent who the child lives with for at least 183 days out of

permission to the non-custodial parent to take the exemption(s). By completing IRS Form 8332 or by signing a similar statement which contains the same information required by the form, the custodial parent agrees in writing to allow the non-custodial parent to claim the child for the current year or for future years. When the non-custodial parent files his or her tax return, he or she must attach the IRS Form 8332 to the tax return.

If you think it is unfair that non-custodial parents whose 2009 divorce decrees awarded them the right to take the child exemption now have to go hat-in-hand to the ex-spouse for a signature on IRS Form 8332, especially when the non-custodial parent may have counted on taking the child exemption when child support obligations were calculated, you are not alone. But, be aware of the rule.

Once the custodial parents give their release to the non-custodial parents, the custodial parents must revoke the release in writing also using IRS Form 8332 or a similar statement. In other words, the custodial parent must complete the same IRS Form 8332 and provide a copy to the non-custodial parent.

The custodial parent must attach the revocation, IRS Form 8332, to his or her tax return. However, here's the catch. The revocation will be effective no earlier than the tax year following the year in which you provided the non-custodial parent with a copy of the revocation. For example, if you give the revocation, IRS Form 8332, to the non-custodial parent in 2009, the earliest tax year the revocation can be effective is 2010. It appears not to matter whether you give the revocation to the non-custodial parent in January 2010 hoping to file and to claim the child on your tax return due by April 2010, but you must wait until the following year to claim the child on your tax return.

The bottom-line: if this matter still confuses you, please con-

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## National Days of Remembrance: April 11–18, 2010

COURTESY OF UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims.

This year, Holocaust Remembrance Day is Sunday, April 11, 2010. In commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps, the Museum has designated Stories of Freedom: What You Do Matters

member of the 333rd Engineers Regiment stated, "My feeling was that this was the most shattering experience of my life." A U.S. Army chaplain trying to make sense of the carnage wrote to his wife, "This was a hell on earth if there ever was one." After photographing Buchenwald, Margaret Bourke-White wrote to her editor at *Life* magazine, "The sights I have just seen are so unbelievable that I don't think I will believe them myself until I've seen the photographs." One American journalist

stood that this was a war that at its very essence was a struggle for the freedom of peoples and the ideals on which civilization is based but also that the horror was so extreme that it might not be believed. Realizing that a failure to believe would be a danger for the future of mankind, he ordered other soldiers to visit the camps, and encouraged journalists and members of Congress and The British Parliament to bear witness as well. He wanted others to be, just as he was, "in a position to give *first-hand* evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.'" And ultimately he was right.

"When I was liberated in 1945 by the American Army, somehow many of us were convinced that at least one lesson will have been learned—that never again will there be war, that hatred is not an option, that racism is stupid . . . I was so hopeful," said Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, during a June 2009 visit to the Buchenwald Concentration Camp with President Barack Obama, reflecting on his feelings at the moment he was freed.

Sixty-four years later, standing at Buchenwald with Elie Wiesel by his side, President Barack Obama acknowledged the value of bearing witness: "We are here today because this work is not finished. To this day, there are those who insisted that the Holocaust never happened—a denial of fact and

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***Eisenhower not only understood that this was a war that at its very essence was a struggle for the freedom of peoples and the ideals on which civilization is based but also that the horror was so extreme that it might not be believed.***

as the theme for the 2010 observance. Activities and observances can occur during the Days of Remembrance, which runs from Sunday, April 11 through the following Sunday, April 18.

As Allied soldiers were closing in on Germany in the spring of 1945, they encountered dozens of concentration camps and were suddenly confronted with the reality of Nazi atrocities. The few surviving victims fully experienced the depths of human evil and depravity. For the soldiers, however, even the brutality of war did not prepare them for what they encountered.

Upon seeing Buchenwald a

wrote, "Buchenwald is beyond all comprehension. You just can't understand it, even when you've seen it."

And that was the problem. Survivors and other eyewitnesses understood and believed. But would the world?

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower grasped this problem and, after visiting a subcamp of Buchenwald, he addressed his staff: "I want every American unit not actually in the front lines to see this place. We are told the American soldier does not know what he is fighting for. Now, at least he will know what he is fighting against."

Eisenhower not only under-

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the corresponding tax year) has the right to take the tax exemption for the child. However, there is no requirement that the custodial parent exercise that right. The non-custodial parent can take the exemption and the IRS will allow it so long as the custodial parent does not attempt to take the exemption as well. When both parents attempt to take the exemption, the IRS needs to decide who is entitled to take it.

In past years, a divorce decree could transfer the right to take the exemption to a non-custodial parent. However, divorce decrees written in 2009 (and presumably after) do not transfer this right. The IRS requirement nullifies any clause in a 2009 decree granting the non-custodial parent the right to claim the exemption for the child. For those who settled their divorces on or before New Year's Eve 2008, their divorce decrees are grandfathered, and the new IRS rule does not take what the judge gave.

Now, the custodial parent completes IRS Form 8332, Release/Revocation of Release of Claim to Exemption for Child by Custodial Parent to officially give



## A DASH OF SALT:

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BY JON CRAIG

## SHOW A LEG OR SHAKE A LEG

Now for the racier tidbits of history. This time we'll discuss the term "Show a leg" or "Shake a leg."

Once again we hark back to the British Navy in the days when the press gangs were working overtime to get crews for the ships. For those of you who aren't

been, the crew would either go out again on that ship, be transferred en masse to another ship or be broken up and transferred to other ships in the fleet to replace men who had injured themselves, died in battle, been hanged or flogged to death or gone mad.

Some of the pressed men were married and the prospect

In fact, the ship's doctor might deliver more babies in a stay in port than treat other injuries in months of sailing (if there was no battle that is). The women who went into labor on board the ship were laid on the deck between two guns. The gun tackle (ropes) gave her something to hold onto and something to brace against. In many cases, the doctor would judge the time when the woman needed help for the final push and would give a signal to the gunner. He would fire the cannon on each side of her to give her that last amount of impetus to help the delivery along. The child born this way was known as a "son of a gun".

Men whose "wives" were sleeping with them were allowed to sleep in and were excused from standing reveille or the usual watches. When the Bosun came into the crew's berth, he would shout "Show a leg or shake a leg". This meant that if a woman's leg could be shown hanging from the hammock, the man didn't have to get up, but if there was no woman in the bunk, he'd better kick the blanket off (shake a leg) and get up. Nowadays, shake a leg has come to mean "hurry up" and if you'd heard the Bosun hollering at the men to get up you would understand why.

Nowadays, when the chief comes through the space hollering "show a leg," it means everyone has to get up. And, if the chief sees a woman's leg, there is a very good chance that the chief

will make her get up and stand her watch. My, how the times have changed.

Of course, the chief may just holler, "roll out." And that's the subject of the next article.

### ***This meant that if a woman's leg could be shown hanging from the hammock, the man didn't have to get up***

familiar with this time frame, you should know that there were very few volunteers for His or Her Majesty's ships. The pay was not bad for the time (but you had little chance to spend it), the food was acceptable at the beginning of a voyage but could deteriorate as time went on, the work was extremely hard, and the life expectancy problematical. So the Navy would send out gangs of real volunteers (press gangs) to kidnap people to man the ships (pressed men).

Now it stands to reason that if you got someone aboard, you didn't want to give him the chance to get away again, so you kept him on board. And not just for one cruise. When the ships got back from wherever they had

of not seeing their wives for years would have created intolerable pressure and led to serious problems, possibly even mutiny. The British Navy's way around this, was to let "wives" on board the ships when they were in port. Why is "wives" in quotes, you ask? Well, the simple declaration that they were married to a member of the crew was all a woman needed to get aboard the ship. Once there, she would share his hammock for as long as the captain and first lieutenant would allow her to stay aboard.

As an interesting side note, since the close proximity of "wives" to "husbands" might last for a month or more, and because some of them really were wives, the natural result was children.

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truth that is baseless and ignorant and hateful. This place is the ultimate rebuke to such thoughts, a reminder of our duty to confront those who would tell lies about our history."

President Obama referred

### ***Every day each of us has the potential to shape the world in which we live.***

to the Holocaust as "our history," understanding that Holocaust memory belongs to all of humanity. Because unlike the battle-hardened soldiers who liberated the camps and brought freedom

to Europe, we now know that the unthinkable is thinkable. We know all too well the human capacity for evil and the catastrophic consequences of indifference in the face of evil. And we now realize that to preserve human freedom, what we do matters. Every day each of us has the potential to shape the world in which we live. By keeping these stories of freedom alive and building on Elie Wiesel's original hope, each of us must work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs. As the American soldiers who unwittingly became liberators 65 years ago understood, our future depends on it.

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sult a tax professional or call the IRS. Nevertheless, the IRS Form 8332 requires custodial and non-custodial parents to deal with each other in writing when it comes to who claims the child or children on their tax returns.

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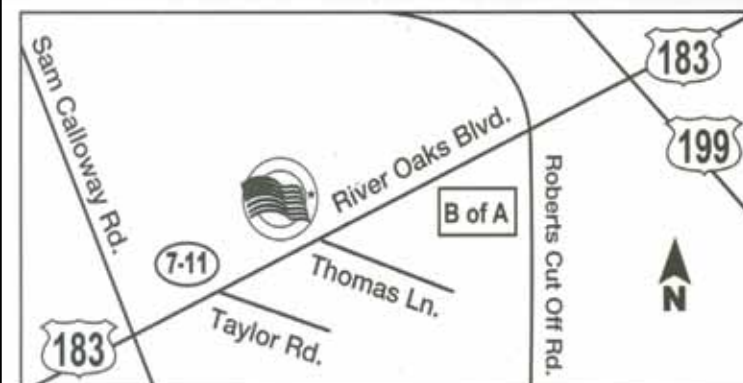
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Thursday, April 22nd at 5:00 p.m. the Base Library will offer a “You Have Mail” class. Learn about how to set up an e-mail account using Gmail, Yahoo, or AOL and how to manage your account. Call the Base Library to register for class as seating is limited.

Tuesday, April 27th at 11:30 am is the Texas Land Board and Home Buying Seminar.

Currently the Child Development Center is looking for members interested in becoming CDH certified. This program allows more options to all military parents looking for quality care for their children. If interested please contact the CDC (817) 782-7520.

Progress is being made for the new Tactical Shop (Patriot Outfitters) and the Coffee Shop (Beantree Espresso) in Bldg. 1275 adjacent to the Laundry/Dry Cleaners and Alteration Shops. Renovations for the Tactical Shop are underway with a possible May opening. The Coffee Shop opening is estimated in late May/ June timeframe due to the need for more extensive work.

Representatives from the following organizations will be at Fleet & Family Support Center located at 3175 Vandenberg Avenue: Work in Texas Representative on the following Tuesdays: April 13, April 20 and April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Texas VA Representative on the following Thursdays: April 8, April 15, April 22 and April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Transition Assistance Program will be held from April 27-April 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information about these programs call Fleet & Family Support Center at 817-782-5287.

Mayfest is proud to present Military Appreciation Day: admission will be free on Sunday, May 2 for all active duty, reserve, retired and

student military with a valid military ID. Each military ID will also allow you up to three guest admissions for Sunday’s activities! Gates open at 11 a.m. Mayfest is an outdoor festival at Trinity Park in Fort Worth.

Visitor Control Center’s New Hours of Operation Started January 4th

Mondays-Thursdays . . . 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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# The Day I Saw a Miracle

BY BOB ADAMS

I was on ramp patrol one beautiful afternoon when I was about to turn down bomber row when I saw a B-58 starting to take off. To me, this was one of the most beautiful aircraft to watch lift off the runway, so I pulled off the taxi way and stopped to watch.

It was about half way down

seen the fire. When I finally saw my crew chief, he asked, "What the hell is going on with this aircraft?" I told him what I had seen. "Okay guys get ready for a crash landing, as her gear is probably damaged," he replied.

After careful examinations including sending a TF-102 to check her out, a flyover above the

"Thank God, I am alive."

As we sat in the truck, we talked about how lucky this crew was to have survived this flight. The rest of the aircrew, wing commander, his team and our chief looked over the aircraft. They determined it was okay to be taken to 1050, the big hangar for the investigation of why this happened.

This was another great day, as no one was hurt and this time we did not lose the aircraft. The lesson I learned that day and still carry with me today is you never know what the day will bring, so make it count.



Actual image of B-58 bomber as it begins to fly out of the fireball and speed down the runway at NAS Fort Worth JRB many years ago (Photo courtesy of Bob Adams).

## I couldn't believe my eyes as I watched this disaster unfold.

the runway when I noticed fire coming out from under the wing. As it gained speed down the runway the bigger the fire got. All of a sudden, there was this giant fireball and I couldn't see the aircraft anymore, only fire. I said to myself, "Oh My God," I am watching a crash. I grabbed the mike and called in a "Code A," which is a crash on an active runway.

I couldn't believe my eyes as I watched this disaster unfold. Then all of a sudden, out of the fireball came this B-58 flying and gaining altitude. The aircraft was getting higher in the air and the fire was trying to catch up. I remember saying out loud, "Go Baby Go!" The gear was up and she was climbing away from the fire.

Although fuel was still coming out of the aircraft and flames were trying to catch it, seeing this aircraft fly away from the fire was the most beautiful sight I ever saw. It was at this time that I heard my fire chief asking, "Patrol two, where is the crash?" over the radio. Still not comprehending what I had just witnessed I said, "look in the sky! He is flying out of it." I guess that sounds like a very dumb thing to say, but that is what was happening. One second I was watching a crash, and then I was watching the aircraft flying away from harm's way. This all happened so fast I can't describe the emotions I was going through.

The control tower soon confirmed what I had seen and reported that a B-58 had an explosion during takeoff. We also learned that there were three souls onboard.

My chief had only seen the B-58 bomber taking off; he hadn't

tower for a visual inspection and the pilot's report that he could not see anything wrong with the aircraft the B-58 was allowed to land in spite of having the third seat hot, which meant we would have to be careful rescuing this crew member because they had pulled the first lever of their ejection seat, which could blow at any time.

They flew it fly over us one more time and we all strained to see if there was anything wrong, but we couldn't see anything other than burn marks. It was coming in from the north and as it flew over the lake on final approach, I was thinking, I sure hope the landing is a good one, because I fought a B-58 crash and it is a horrible thing to do. But if it made it out of that explosion it was meant to land fine.

We were holding our breath as the gear hit the runway, but it held. As it rolled past us, we chased it down the runway until it stopped. When it stopped all three canopies opened and the ropes came out. Right behind them was the crew climbing down to get away from the aircraft. But, the third compartment man didn't come out. He was the one with the hot seat. As we waited, he appeared, waving his arms to come get him.

We pulled up to the wing that he was now standing on. As we got closer, he jumped at the truck and wrapped his arms around the turret and said, "Get that damned truck away from this aircraft."

My crew chief and another fireman helped him down and they lowered him to the ground, he dropped to his knees and said,

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